

# The Daily Courant.

Wednesday, April 11. 1705.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 11.

Madrid, March 27.

**T**He Letters from the Camp before Gibraltar of the 20th of this Month, say, That notwithstanding the bad Weather and the continual Rains, the Besiegers had work'd without Intermission in preparing the Batteries; waiting for the Ammunitions which the contrary Wind had hindred from coming from Cadix. From the 7th to the 16th they had not one Soldier kill'd or wounded. The 17th the Marquis de Bracar, Major-General, and the Count de Merade, Brigadier, mounted the Trenches, and had not a Man kill'd or wounded. The bad Weather which still continued, grew so boisterous the 18th, that 8 French Men of War were driven from the Entrance of the Bay of Gibraltar, and only 5 were left: We know not whither the Tempest has carried those 8 Ships. There was not a Man kill'd or wounded, the 18th and 19th; on the last of which the Trenches were reliev'd by Don Joseph de Armendaris, and the Marquis de Maulevrier.

From the Paris and Brussel Gazettes, April 11 & 14.

Paris, April 11. We have receiv'd Advice from Malaga, that the Baron de Pointis being at an Anchor with his Squadron of 13 Ships the 20th of March, under Cape Carnero, at the Entrance into the Bay of Gibraltar, a hard Gust of Wind drove from their Anchors, the St. Louis, the Diamant, the Eclatant, the Vermandois, the Mercure, and the Eole, which stood towards Malaga; and the Maure and the Rubis, which made towards Cadix. The 21st at Day-break, he saw 35 English Ships of War coming upon him; which oblig'd him to cut his Cables and hoise all the Sail he could, to get into the Mediterranean. He doubled the Cape of Europa; but it being a long time since his Ships were careen'd; and those of the Enemy, part of which arriv'd newly from England, being lately clean'd, they soon got up with him and over-power'd him with their Number. The Arrogant (of 56 Guns) the greatest part of whose Crew were sick, could not make a long Resistance, but the other 4 fought from 10 in the Morning till 2 in the Afternoon, with extraordinary Vigour. The Enem<sup>y</sup> boarded the Marquis (of 58 Guns) and the Ardent, (of 66 Guns) commanded by the Sieurs Patoulet, and de Mons, thrice, and were beaten off; but the 4th Time they master'd them. Then the Baron de Pointis, in the Magnanime (of 74 Guns) resolv'd to make his Way through the Enemy, and with him the Sieur Lauthier, in the Lis (of 88 Guns) in which they succeeded beyond their Hopes, and ran themselves ashore at Matbella, Eastward of Malaga, where they burnt their Ships as soon as their Crews had got out of them. Of the 8 Ships that were driven from their Anchors, 6 are arriv'd at Toulon and 2 at Cadix.

The Number of Guns attributed above to each Ship, is taken from a List of the French Fleet printed at Paris, with Priviledge, in September last.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated April 17.

Amsterdam, April 17. The Defeat of the Squadron commanded by the Baron de Pointis, is fully

confirm'd by the Paris Gazette; that is to say, of 5 Ships said to remain with him of the 13 he had, and of which 'tis pretended 8 were driven from him by a Storm, and that 6 of them are arriv'd at Toulon, and 2 at Cadix. But 'tis surprizing that Gazette should make no mention of Monsieur Gabaret who brought this News, and to whom King Philip V. gave a Ring when he stop'd at the Court of Madrid in his Way. This Silence would make one think, that Monsieur Gabaret was not in that Action, or rather that the Paris Gazette does not tell us all; the more because it says nothing of the Frigates which Monsieur de Pointis left at the Streight's Mouth, to watch the coming of the Allies. This, we suppose, the next Letters from Paris will clear up, or at least those we expect from the Confederate Squadron. But taking the Story as we already have it, this Occurrence is a very happy one for the Allies, if we consider all Circumstances. The Marshal de Theffe was come to the Camp before Gibraltar, to have the Glory of bringing this famous Siege to an Issue, after the vain Efforts of the Marquis of Villadarias: The Baron de Pointis with his Squadron was to second him by Sea; accordingly he took with him from Cadix what Ships of War were in a Condition to do Service, among them those that were appointed to Convoy the Galleons; and arriv'd in the Bay of Gibraltar the 26th of February. The 12th of March the Besiegers had not only made an end of landing the Cannon, notwithstanding the bad Weather, but had rais'd new Batteries, with which they hop'd to make sufficient Breaches for a general Assault to be given by the 20th or 25th before the Succours from Lisbon could arrive. Those Succours did not fail from Lisbon till the 17th, and without a very fair Wind could not arrive time enough. Mean time the Baron de Pointis being inform'd the Convoy from England was arriv'd at Lisbon, and rightly judging Sir John Leake would not delay to come with a more numerous Squadron than his, resolv'd not to wait for him, but to go to Toulon with some of his Ships, pursuant to the Orders he had receiv'd from the Court of France; but, 'tis reported, other very pressing Orders from the Court of Madrid oblig'd him to stay, and not to retire till he was under the last Necessity of doing it, to the end he might favour the Assault that was to be given. Things standing thus, on the 21st at Break of Day, he was surpriz'd and surrounded so suddenly, that he had neither Time nor Means to disengage himself. Thus every thing has favour'd the Allies, notwithstanding the Delays that were on their Part; and every thing has gone against the Enemy, notwithstanding their Diligent Preparations, and the Measures they had concerted. 'Tis to be hop'd this Occurrence will be no less happy in the Consequences of it; that not only Gibraltar will be saved, but that the Designs form'd for the ensuing Campaign will succeed very much the better for it.

We have receiv'd, by the Way of Germany, Letters from Provence, which say, that when the confederate Fleet came near Gibraltar, they surpriz'd the 21st of March in the Morning 2 French Frigates that were parted from the Baron de Pointis Squadron; after which separating themselves into 2 Divisions, they got the French Squadron between them and intirely defeated it.

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They took 3 large Ships carrying from 60 to 70 Guns each; and forc'd Monsieur de Pointis to run his own ashore and burn her, with another. These 2 Ships carry'd above 80 Guns each. They add, that 6 other Ships, which were separated from that Squadron in a Storm, were come into Toulon, very much shatter'd.

The Harlem and Amsterdam Courants, intimate that the Maure and Rubis, were either run ashore and burnt, or taken, or at least that 'tis not certain they are arriv'd at Cadix. These Courants say likewise, that Sir John Leake, has detach'd part of his Squadron toward Villa-Franca, and stays himself in the Bay of Gibraltar with 20 Ships of War. The Harlem Courant of the 14th of April, says, in the Article from Paris of April 7. that one of our Fire-ships, grapling with the Magnanime, Monsieur de Pointis, was forced to quit her, and with much ado got ashore in his Long-Boat: And that Monsieur Gabaret sav'd himself by swimming to Land, leaving the Ship he was in on fire likewise.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 11.

From the Camp before Verue, March 27. The 23d of this Month, the Bridge which the Duke of Vendome had order'd to be made above Verue, was finish'd. He has order'd an Intrenchment to be made round the Place, to hinder the Garrison from escaping. The Deserters, who notwithstanding the Governour's Precaution, come out frequently in great Number, do all agree that the Besieged have not Provisions to last them longer than till the end of this Month, or first 2 or 3 Days of the next. Mean time we continue to batter the Place with 30 Pieces of Cannon, and 10 Mortars. The Garrison fire only from 2 Pieces of Cannon. The Duke of Savoy has set Men to work on the Fortifications of Turin.

From the Paris Letter dated April 10. and the Brussel Gazette, dated April 14.

Paris, April 10. The Duke of Vendome has sent an Account to the King, that having observ'd the Enemy made frequent Signals in their Camp at Chivas, which were answer'd by the Garrison of Verue, he gave out such good Orders that a Spy was seiz'd who came out of the Place as a Deserter, and who being examin'd and threaten'd with Death if he did not make a true Confession, at length own'd that he was a Corporal in the Regiment of Lorrain: That he had been sent into the Place to give Verbal Orders from the Duke of Savoy to the Governour, to blow up 4 Mines at an Hour concerted, and to march out with his Garrison at a Breach on the Side next Crescentino; which while he was doing the Duke of Savoy, to favour his Retreat, would attack our Troops encamp'd at Crescentino. This Corporal reported as did Deserters likewise, that there was in the Place but a very few Sacks of Meal left, some say 70, some 82, and others 112, of which the Garrison consum'd 7 a Day tho' each Man's Allowance was reduc'd to 4 Ounces: That there were 700 sick in the Place, and 600 Men of regular Troops in a Condition to defend it, with some Peasants and Officers Servants. Upon what this Corporal related, the Duke of Vendome has thought fit to cause a Line to be thrown up from the Outlet of the Doria towards the Mountains, for the greater Security of his Camp at Crescentino: He has caus'd 8 Pieces of Cannon to be carried over to that Camp; has order'd a stricter Guard of Horse and Foot to be kept in it; and has reinforce'd it with 17 Battallions and 20 Squadrons. The Duke of Savoy and Count Staremberg came the 31st of March with a Detachment of Horse to take a View of this Camp; but were saluted with some Discharges of Cannon that oblig'd them to retire.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated April 17.

Amsterdam, April 17. Letters of the 15th of last Month from Turin, that came by the Way of Germany, tell us Verue holds out still, and that the Garrison are determin'd to defend it to the last Extremity: And indeed it appears by the Account the Enemy give us, that the Governour takes all the necessary Measures to pro-

long the Defence of that Place as much as possible; and that the Duke of Savoy, who is ever vigilant and indefatigable snatches all Occasions to spin out Time, and make his Advantage of every Motion the Enemy make; an Instance of this is the Design he had form'd, to attack the Duke of Vendome's Camp, and which was casually render'd abortive by the taking of the Corporal that was sent with his Royal Highness's Orders to the Governour of Verue. 'Tis advis'd from Genoa, that 2 English Frigates, which cruis'd about Nice, having taken a Vessel that was carrying Ammunition to the French, put that Ammunition into Nice before it was block'd up by Sea.

From the Paris Letter, dated April 13.

Paris, April 13. According to the Advices of the 1st of this Month from the Camp before Verue, that place must be by this Time in our Hands; it being certain that the Garrison could not subsist longer than till the 10th Instant; and that all our Troops were ready to march to Quarters of Refreshment, in which they are to rest themselves 20 Days, and after that the Campaign will be begun with the Siege of Turin. The 9th, the Chevalier de Miane arriv'd at Court Post, with Advice, That the Duke de la Feuillade has taken the Castle of Villa-Franca by Capitulation. When this Gentleman came away, the Duke de la Feuillade was attacking the Forts of Mont-Alban and St. Sulpice, and hop'd to be Master of them to day or to morrow, as well as of the Town of Nice. The 10th at Night, Monsieur Rignault, Major General, arriv'd at Versailles from the Camp before Gibraltar, and was above an Hour and a half with the King, to whom he gave an Account of the Posture of Affairs in Spain, and particularly of the State of the Siege of Gibraltar. He says that notwithstanding the Misfortune befallen Monsieur de Pointis, the Marshal de Thesse is still in Hopes to take the Place in a short Time. We receiv'd Advice the same Night, that of the 3 Ships of Monsieur de Pointis Squadron the Enemy took, and sent to Lisbon, the Arrogant is retaken by our Privateers, and carried into Cadix. Yesterday the Count de Thoulouse was a long time in his Majesty's Closet, with Monsieur de Pontchartrain and several of the principal Sea Officers. We are told the Fleet is to be ready to sail from Thoulon before the 15th of May.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated April 18.

Paris, April 13. Monsieur Rignault, a fam'd Ingenieur, who had the Direction of the Siege of Gibraltar, is arriv'd at Court from thence; and having acquainted our King that his Grandson the King of Spain had sent thither Orders for the continuing that Siege, but that the Marshal de Thesse and the other General Officers were for raising it; his Majesty has dispatch'd Orders for breaking up that Siege forthwith.

London, April 11. Yesterday Morning the Queen pass'd thro' this City, going to New-Market.

In the Afternoon the Tower Guns were fir'd for the good News brought by the Post from Holland of the taking and destroying of the Ships above-mention'd of the Baron de Pointis Squadron.

In yesterday's Courant, the 7th Line of the first Column, for Regiment, read Readiness; the 6th l. from the bottom of that Column, after present add War; the 4th l. of the second Column, for Garrisons, r. Grisons.

**A**T the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Wednesday being the 11th of April, will be presented a Comedy call'd, The Committee, Or, The Faithful Irishman. The part of Teague to be perform'd by Mr. Estcourt; and Mr. Johnson performs his own part of Obadiah the Clerk. With several Entertainments of Singing and Dancing.

There is a Cold Bath

At the Hummums in Charles Street, Covent-Garden, with every thing Convenient for Cold Bathing. Attendance will be given every Day till Two in the Afternoon.

An Entertainment by

Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double-Curtail, the Organ with three Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, and several other things too tedious to be inserted. To which is added a Comical Dance. To be seen at the Swan Tavern in St. Martins-le-Grand, this present Wednesday, being the 11th instant, beginning between 6 and 7 a Clock in the Evening. price 1s. Being the last Week of his staying in Town.